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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Arms Control Briefing for Senator Tim Wirth (D., Colo)

Senator Wirth asked to meet with Director, ACIS, on Thursday, 19 May, for an informal discussion about arms control issues in connection with his work on the SASC. The meeting took place in S-407 from 1325 to 1400 hours. In the course of the discussion, it turned out that the Senator had been in touch with Senator Cohen of the SSCI who recommended that a briefing by the D/ACIS be arranged.

Senator Wirth wanted specifically to discuss two issues:

- background on the concern being expressed about adequate intelligence collection systems to monitor arms control treaties and funds needed to improve them,

- and an assessment of confidence building measures related to the INF Treaty.

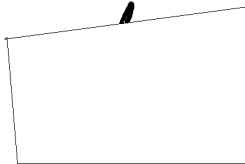
D/ACIS recommended that the Senator arrange to meet with [redacted] of the ICS for a detailed account of the budget considerations, but was pressed by Wirth to provide background on capabilities of current collection systems to monitor INF and the problems which would be encountered in the START regime. The Senator was skeptical about a reported "crisis" in the intelligence budget and pointed out an apparent lack of serious planning by the Administration in anticipating investment [redacted] [redacted] sketched out the INF background related to the Senator's concern -- the turning point in mid-87 when a Treaty became a probability, the SSCI request of the DCI to rank initiatives for collection systems in September 1987 and how this report affected the SSCI conclusions in conjunction with its review of the Treaty.

In discussing confidence building measures, D/ACIS reviewed the various cooperative measures: data exchange with the Soviets, the provision for notification of Treaty related events, observing destruction of missiles, the base-line inspection and the close-out inspection, short notice and [redacted]

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challenge inspections. In a wrap-up, D/ACIS referred to other leading questions posed to intelligence representatives -- the capability of intelligence to monitor the Treaty, U.S. intelligence assessment of the data offered by the Soviets and the uncertainty encountered with non-deployed missiles in the Soviet inventory.



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